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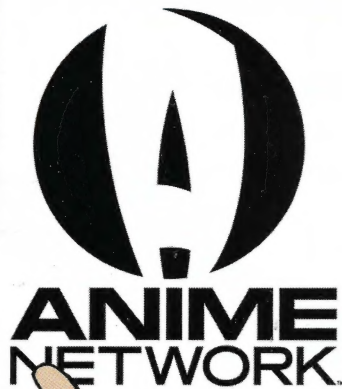
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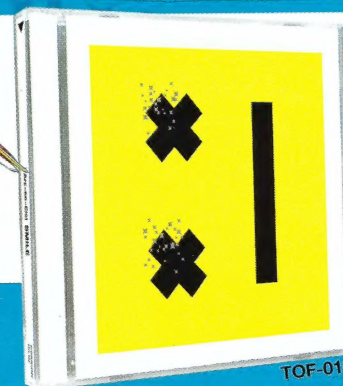
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## L'Arc~en~Ciel SMILE US RELEASE



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A longtime favorite among J-rock fans, L'Arc~en~Ciel is back after a short hiatus and is prepared to take on an American audience with their new album. *SMILE* features the hit song *READY STEADY GO!* as heard on the Anime series *Full Metal Alchemist*.

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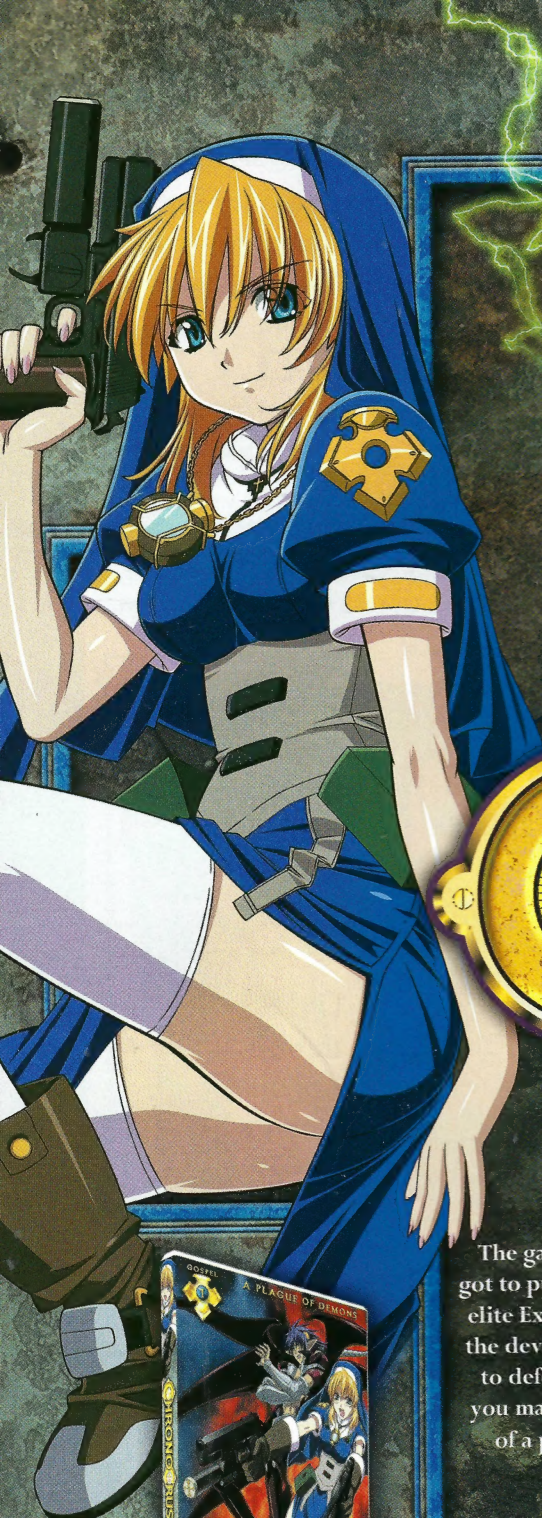


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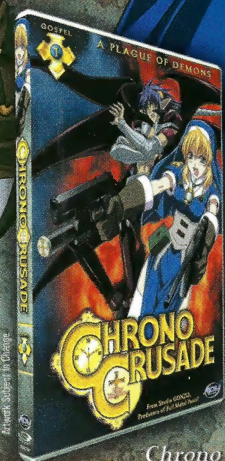


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# PEACEMAKER

A bloody good time from the gurus at GONZO

History, swordplay and emotions collide in this thrilling new anime from fan-favorite studio GONZO. Set near the end of the tumultuous and bloody Edo period (circa 1860s), *Peacemaker* stars a diminutive young swordsman whose heart and courage far outweigh his small stature and burgeoning skills. Tetsunosuke desperately wants to join the rough-and-tumble Shinsengumi, a brutal gang that won't hesitate to spill blood in pursuit of their cause. His reason? To avenge the murder of his parents. Although Tetsunosuke has been warned away from the group by his big brother—who's already a member—his resolution won't falter. In fact, Tetsunosuke decides to directly challenge master swordsman Souji Okita, a captain in the Shinsengumi who's infamous for his overly aggressive style.



Good thing the kid's got gumption, because Okita is ultimately charmed by Tetsunosuke's bravado and allows the young'un to join the group. And that's where things get interesting...

A featured title in Anime Network's Action Zone programming block, *Peacemaker* is sure to thrill anyone who likes sword-slashing action mixed with subtle emotion. The show isn't scared to weave together slapstick comedy and

bloody violence—and it certainly won't back away from those emotional moments that ground this fantastical show with a healthy dose of reality. Although battle seems to be the hallmark of *Peacemaker*, the show is also about love—or, more precisely, the quest for salvation and meaning during a violent and challenging era.

"*Peacemaker* is one of the titles our fan base has been anticipating most," says Chris Nelson, director of pro-

gramming for Anime Network. "Any time we have a chance to air a new title from GONZO, we're excited. This period tale of samurai action is beautifully told and is sure to appeal to fans of the *Samurai X* OVAs. The color palette and character designs are stunning, and the animation is flawless."

Will Tetsunosuke be able to overcome his own drive for revenge and eventually find happiness? Will he ever be able to prove himself to his Shinsengumi bosses? Or will our young hero simply face more heartache and pain as his path crosses others who are fated to suffer some tough times ahead? Tune in to Anime Network to find out—and after you get hooked on the show, be sure to head to your local Suncoast store to pick up the DVD from ADV Films (on sale this October)!

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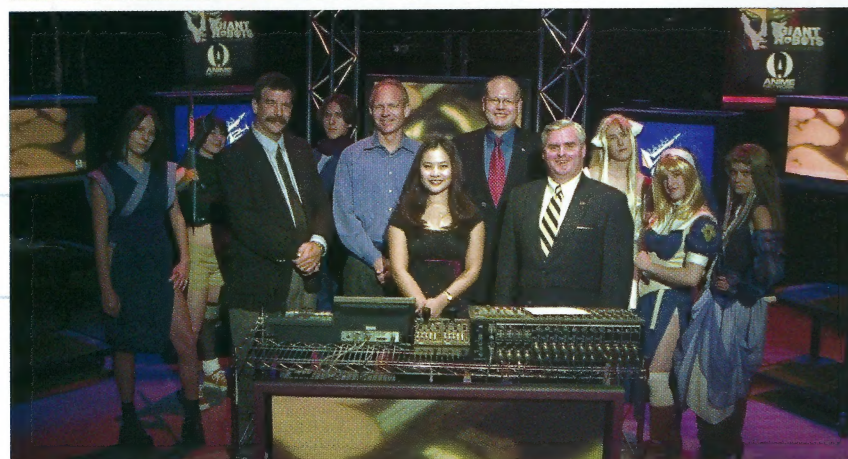
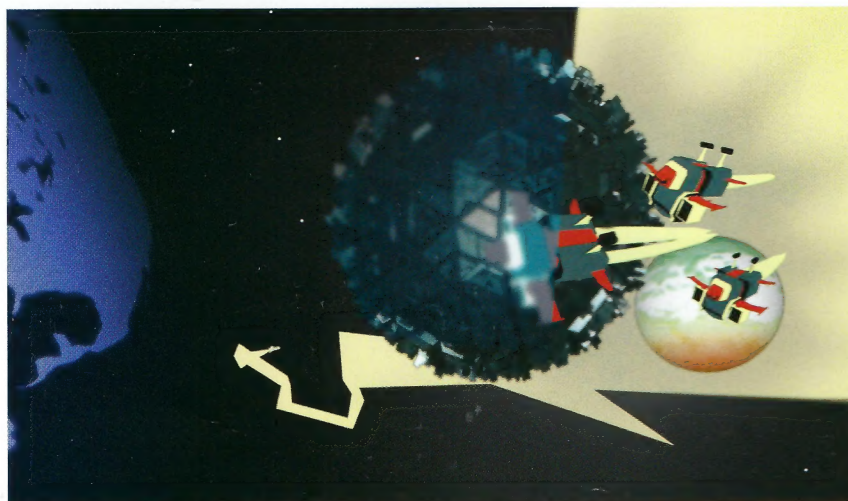
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# BLAST OFF

## LAUNCH OF A NETWORK



On July 27, 2004, Anime Network launched as a full-time linear network. Contest winner Janine Hwang (center) of Orlando, Fla., pulled a lever to officially inaugurate the network uplink.

Like the first appearance of MTV's moon man and numerous other special TV moments, Anime Network wanted to start its full-time linear schedule with the perfect piece of memorable media. The goal: to set the right tone for the nascent network, inviting both hardcore anime fans and newbie viewers into Anime Network's exciting environment.

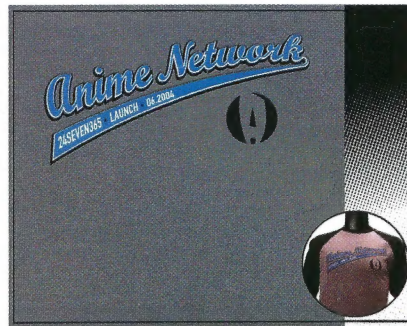
"We reflected on the idea of transmission—all of the physical elements and digital bytes coming from Japan, to our headquarters in Houston, and then being transmitted to our audience via satellite," says Chris Nelson, director of programming. "There are so many individual processes in bringing this channel to life—things like media being digitized and translated and packaged and encoded."

Working with art director Chris Hawley, visual-effects artist Alan Demafles and 3D artist Daniel Scruggs, the creative team used Hawley's vector graphic launch logo (pictured on the next page) as a point of departure. Expanding on the visual metaphor of a rocket launch, the team designed a 3D universe containing the elements that make up the new network, including planets designed to reflect the main programming blocks.

The animation is augmented by a soundtrack created by Anime Network sound designer Matt Crawford. The dense audio backdrop includes layers of Japanese and English dialogue along with a host of original effects created to transport the viewer on the 90-second journey.

The entire launch movie can be downloaded at [www.theanimenetwork.com](http://www.theanimenetwork.com). Check it out!





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Show your Anime Network pride with some of the coolest launch gear in the universe. These limited-edition T-shirts and wall scrolls won't last forever, so hurry up and head to [www.theanimenetwork.com](http://www.theanimenetwork.com) to order yours now!





T.M.Revolution SEVENTH HEAVEN



# REVOLUTION'S SECOND COMING

Hot off his second live performance in the US,  
T.M.Revolution talks with *Anime Network Quarterly*

His name is Takanori Nishikawa (aka T.M.Revolution, short for "Takanori Makes Revolution"), and although you may not recognize his name if you haven't been plugged into the J-pop scene recently, you've probably heard some of his work. Though he's been in the Japanese pop music scene since '96, it wasn't until "HEART OF SWORD - Yoakemae (before dawn)-" became the opening theme for *Rurouni Kenshin* that US audiences began to take notice of the enigmatic singer. Since then he's released several albums in the US, and he even sang "INVOKE," the first opening theme for *Mobile Suit Gundam SEED*. He recently performed to a crowd of 3,500 people at the Pacific Media Expo in LA, and afterwards we had the opportunity to chat him up.

**ANQ:** What do you think of the reception your music has received from US fans?

**TMR:** The fact that I have a not-so-small fan base here in the US makes me very happy. Also, I'm proud of all the activities that I do in this country.

**ANQ:** This is your second time performing for an American audience. Do you notice any differences between concertgoers in the US and those in Japan?

**TMR:** I think the key difference is the way they enjoy the music; in Japan, there's a sense of togetherness among the audience, and their reaction to the music is kind of synchronized. You might need to come see my concert in Japan to fully understand what I mean, because in America each person enjoys the music in his or her own way.



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**ANQ:** What's next for T.M.Revolution? What are you working on now?

**TMR:** After my concert at PMX, I'll go right back to my Japan tour that goes on until August and will then appear at a summer festival. I'll also have to start recording soon for a couple of domestic (Japan) releases due out later this year.

**ANQ:** You've previously mentioned that you were into *RahXephon* and *Gundam SEED*. What anime are you into now?

**TMR:** I enjoy watching the *Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex* TV series. It's now available on DVD, so I bought all the discs that are out. I also like *Overman King Gainer*, which is created by the director of the first *Mobile Suit Gundam* series. I have that on DVD, too, and I watch them at home.

**ANQ:** What bands' CDs, American or Japanese, do you have in your CD player right now?

**TMR:** Today I was listening to Trapt. Hoobastank is also one of my favorites.

**ANQ:** If you could collaborate with an American musician—a dream collaboration—who would you most want to work with and why?

**TMR:** Hmm, that's hard to say. There are so many great artists here...[pauses] OK, if there's anyone who's interested [in collaborating with me], please give me a call. I'd be happy to work with an artist in any musical genre.

**ANQ:** Do you have a final message you'd like to share with US fans?

**TMR:** I'm so happy that I got a chance to come back and perform in the US after last year's concert. I'll try to get more people interested in my music by coming to the US as often as possible. Also, as you might know already, I provided the theme song for *Mobile Suit Gundam SEED*, which is now on Cartoon Network, so I hope that will introduce my music to a broader audience. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope to see you again soon!



# INTERACT WITH ANIME NETWORK!

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### What's your favorite event at a convention?

Watching new anime .....	32%
Dealer's room.....	24%
Cosplay .....	16%
Anime music videos .....	14%
J-rock concert .....	11%
Game shows .....	2%
Dance .....	1%

### What's your favorite type of series merchandise?

Action figures/statues.....	48%
Plushies .....	19%
Playing cards .....	8%
Keychains.....	7%
Pencil boards .....	7%
Collectible cloisonné pins ..	6%
Lunch boxes .....	5%

### If you were to buy an anime T-shirt, would you prefer the larger image on the front or on the back?

Back .....	39%
Both sides—more to love!	37%
Front .....	18%
Neither—I'll happily pay \$20 for a plain T-shirt.....	6%

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We want to hear from you! Send your e-mails to [info@theanimenetwork.com](mailto:info@theanimenetwork.com) and mark the subject "Live-Action." Tell us if you'd like to see lots of Japanese live-action TV and movies or if you want us to keep it purely anime. Your voice matters, so be sure to chime in!

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Send your questions, comments and love letters to [info@theanimenetwork.com](mailto:info@theanimenetwork.com). We wanna hear from you!

Dear Anime Network,  
I am sooo happy that you're on TV because I love anime so much and I can't afford to buy every DVD released! But I hope you don't forget about all your female anime fans! I want to see more cute boys! Kawaii!! Please tell me that you won't forget about all your female fans!!

**"Terri-chan"**  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Terri-chan,  
Don't worry, we would never neglect our better halves. In fact, we recently picked up *Gravitation* to run on

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Dear Anime Network,  
Thank you for the first copy of *Anime Network Quarterly*. I wish Anime Network would go full-time in my neighborhood...but, alas, I live in Rhode Island, and nothing that exciting seems to happen here. Maybe I'll move to Illinois just so I can watch anime around the clock. Sigh.

**Tom Rybicki**  
Middletown, Rhode Island

Dear Tom,  
Whoa! Don't give up on Rhode Island yet! Have you called your local cable company and told them how much you want Anime Network? Well? Have you? Because if you haven't, well...what are you waiting for? While you're at it, log on to [www.theanimenetwork.com](http://www.theanimenetwork.com) to fill out a form to demand your anime. And keep your eyes on our Web site for the latest updates on different cable carriers across the nation. Who knows? If enough of you demand your anime, we might just be in your town soon enough!





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**Yes oh big eyed fans  
More anime is coming  
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—Richard Vu  
Cherry Hill, NJ

**In the yard I find  
Size ninety-seven footprints  
Giant robots rule**

—Darren Smith  
New York, NY

**I go everywhere  
At home, I watch anime  
Who needs to travel?**

—Michele Larreur  
Brooklyn, NY

**Demons and street gangs,  
Piloting giant robots,  
High school life is tough!**

—Johnny Lee  
Houston, TX

**Cat girls are nice but  
They're hard on the furniture  
And the neighborhood**

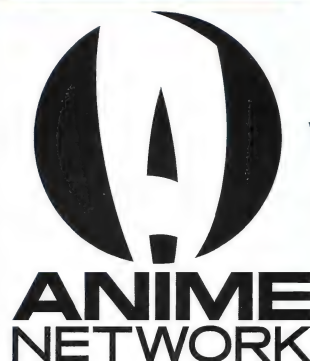
—Jordan Rellosa  
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be quiet she said  
the Rahxephon soon will sing  
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—darren smith  
el paso, texas

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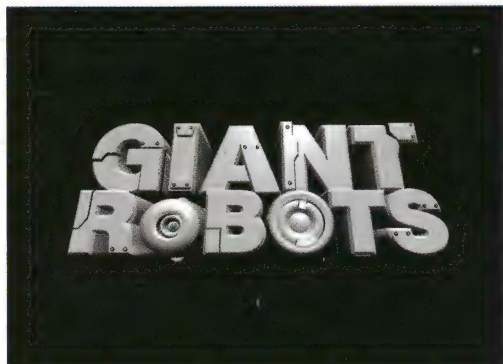
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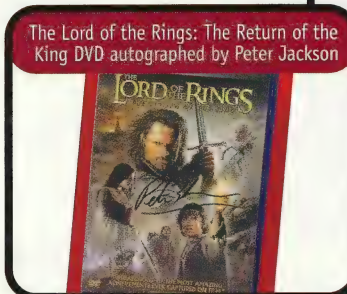
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when it comes to  
our top 10 manga  
picks!

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**[ADV Films, 17+]**



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Caught in the middle of a war between the genetically enhanced Coordinators and aptly named Naturals, ace *Strike Gundam* pilot Kira Yamato must fight against his own people for the safety of his loved ones. *SEED* is the latest chapter of the continuing *Gundam* series, mixing lightning-fast robot action with human drama.

[Bandai Entertainment, 13+]



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[Geneon Entertainment, 16+]

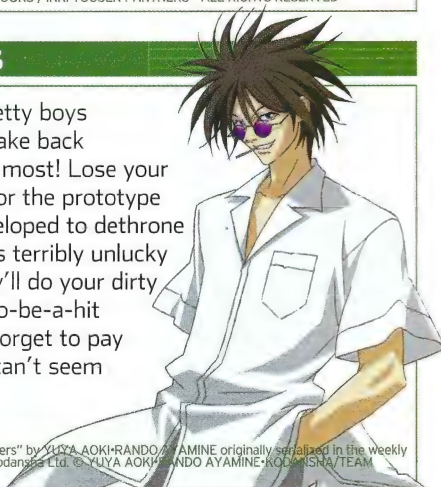


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THE MOTION PICTURE



An original animated feature from US anime giant ADV Films, *Lady Death* is a retelling of Brian Pulido's classic comic book character's transformation from pure girl Hope to one of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Naturally, she's pretty miffed by it all, and sets off to get even with Lucifer. Don't miss this crossover classic that's sure to please both anime and comic book fans!

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## GRAVITATION

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[ The Right Stuf International, 13+ ]

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## PEACEMAKER

Size isn't everything. Tetsunosuke's older brother advises the diminutive swordsman to avoid joining the Shinsengumi—he just isn't big enough yet—but Tetsunosuke isn't about to be dissuaded. The little fella needs to polish his skills so he can seek revenge for the murder of his parents—and challenging a Shinsengumi master swordsman seemed the fastest route in!

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## NURSE WITCH KOMUGI

Take one cute cosplaying nurse-witch and pit her against the king of viruses, and you've got a diagnosis for uncontrollable laughter in this comedic spin-off of *The SoulTaker*. Can Komugi defeat her dolled-up rivals, save the world and win the heart of the dreamy Kyouzuke Date?

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## PARANOIA AGENT



Director Satoshi Kon manipulates the lines of fiction and reality in this surreal series. When a famous Japanese character artist is on the brink of a nervous breakdown, she's attacked by Li'l Slugger—a child on in-line skates wielding a golden baseball bat. A series of attacks on others ensues, but are these assaults real or figments of the mind?

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## INUYASHA: THE MOVIE

One of the most popular shows on Cartoon Network now has its own feature-length movie! Two hundred years ago, InuYasha's father sealed away the evil demon Menomaru's father, Hyoga, in a tomb. But Menomaru has found a way to exact revenge, and now it's up to InuYasha and his friends to keep Menomaru from annihilating civilization.

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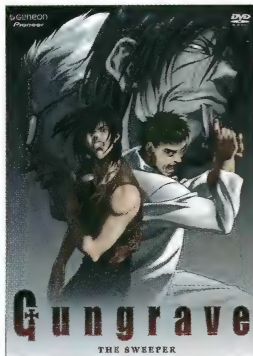


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## GUNGRAVE

Childhood friends Harry and Brandon enter the world of the Millennium crime family. As they carve out a place for themselves in the organization, their relationship becomes strained. One will rise to the greatest heights of power; the other will fall and wind up an undead gunslinger who wants nothing more than rest from the wicked.

**[ Geneon Entertainment, 13+ ]**



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## CASE CLOSED



In *Case Closed*, teenage supersleuth Jimmy Kudo takes on the guise of diminutive detective Conan Edogawa in order to hide the fact that he's been poisoned and shrunk to look half his age by a nefarious gang of criminals. Now he must solve crime as a boy while searching for a re-embiggening antidote in this fantastically addictive detective show.

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## AQUARIAN AGE

If you were a Japanese teen, you might want to start a hit indie-pop band and have the opposite sex swooning at your feet. But if you're anything like the hero of this series, you might also attract an interdimensional spiritual battle to decide the fate of mankind in the process! Pop music and mystical warfare collide in this hot new anime!

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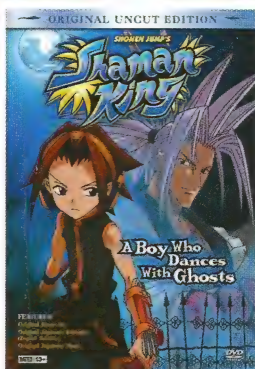


## SHAMAN KING

Yoh Asakura is on a mission to become Shaman King. But to get there he's got to hone his spirit-summoning skills to defeat a never-ending onslaught of foes, while making and fostering lasting friendships. This hit Saturday morning FoxBox series comes to DVD this fall and includes both the English dub and Japanese language with subtitles.

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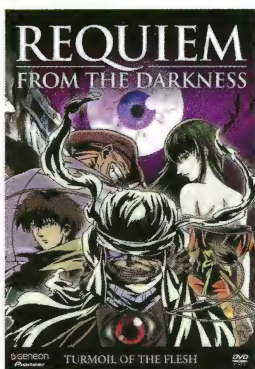


## REQUIEM FROM THE DARKNESS

Ever hear a Japanese ghost story? In this series, an aspiring writer seeks out spooky folk tales in Japan's countryside for a book of stories he's compiling. But every time he shows up on the scene, he has a run-in with the Mata-ichi gang—a creepy gaggle of spirits, exorcists and magical mediums! It's wise to be afraid.

[Geneon Entertainment, 16+]

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## YU-GI-OH!

If you think you know Yu-Gi-Oh!, think again. Two uncut DVDs that restore content originally edited from the previous TV broadcasts and DVDs (deemed too violent for the show's younger audience) are headed to stores this fall. And for the anime purist, each can be viewed in Japanese with English subtitles that use the original Japanese character names.

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## MEZZO



Things get messy in *Mezzo* when a trio of teens takes jobs kidnapping, smuggling and slinging illegal androids on the black market. In a near-future Tokyo, they operate from a renovated London bus that sits atop an office building. Don't expect mercy from this crew if they were paid the proper price. This is dark and edgy anime for fans of movies like *The Professional*!

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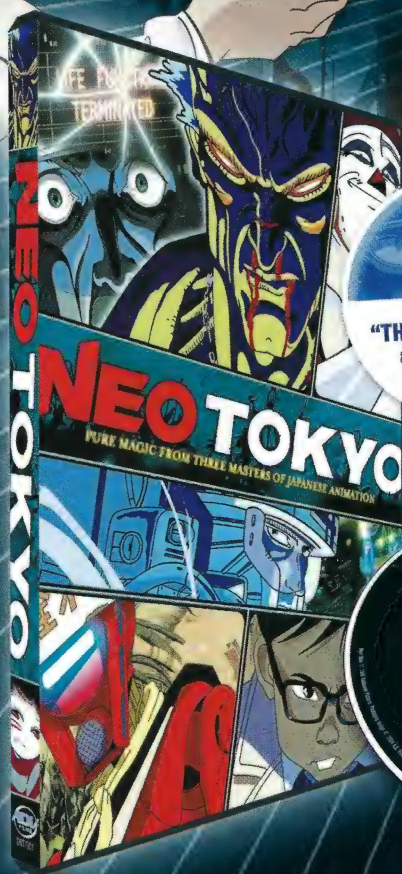
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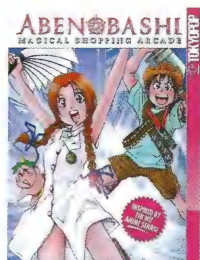
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**[TOKYOPOP, 16+]**



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### GUNDAM SEED

The latest in this long-running franchise, *SEED* has pushed *Gundam* to new heights of popularity in Japan. Now it's available here on TV, DVD and in manga form. Those who prefer to take their mecha action at their own pace should check this out, especially since it does such a great job introducing *SEED*'s complicated continuity.

**[Del Rey Manga, 13+]**

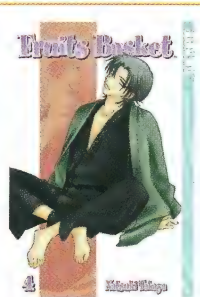


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### FRUITS BASKET

Maybe you'd call your family a bunch of animals, but the members of the Sohma clan really *are* animals. When hugged by members of the opposite sex, they transform into the animals of the zodiac. How will things change when Yuki's precocious classmate Tohru moves in with the feuding family and attempts to clean up their act?

**[TOKYOPOP, 13+]**



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**[TOKYOPOP, 13+]**



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The latest from *Love Hina* creator Ken Akamatsu, *Negima* is a madcap comedy packed to the gills with gorgeous gals! The twist? Ten-year-old wizard Negi T. Silverberg gets a job at a "normal" all-girl high school, where he's not allowed to use his magic powers! Yet this young professor is often forced to use his special skills just to survive the daily grind.

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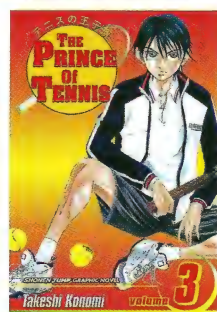


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Who needs giant mecha, alien invaders or superhuman schoolgirls when you have the terrifically talented Ryoma Echizen, a 12-year-old tennis prodigy who plays it cool in life but hot on the court? But don't think this manga is only for sports fans—the action is just as thrilling, and the drama just as juicy even if you've never picked up a racket.

**[VIZ, All Ages]**



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It won't be easy for the wandering samurai Himura Kenshin to escape his blood-drenched past as the assassin who single-handedly unified Japan. Rival warriors and nefarious politicians selfishly seek him, as he attempts to settle down with his new friends at the peace-loving Kamiya dojo. Don't miss this best-selling manga.

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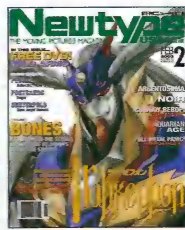
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## FANS FLOCK TO ANIME EXPO 2004

In the summer of 2004, a record-shattering 25,000 fans from around the globe flocked to the United States' largest Japanese animation convention, Anime Expo 2004, held July 2-5, at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California.

Attendees spent their weekend filling up on anime any way they could—by buying things in the huge dealer's room, watching loads of anime in multiple screening rooms, attending creator panels, and indulging in the fine art of cosplay (i.e., dressing up as your favorite character). Check out these pics we snapped of just a few of this year's attendees, then scope the con calendar to find out when the next anime fan gathering is happening near you.

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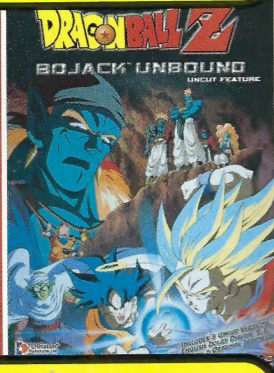
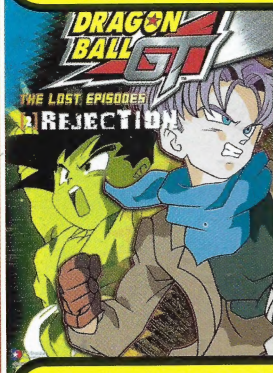




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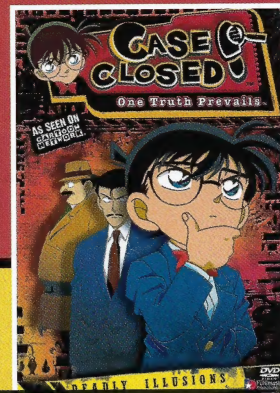
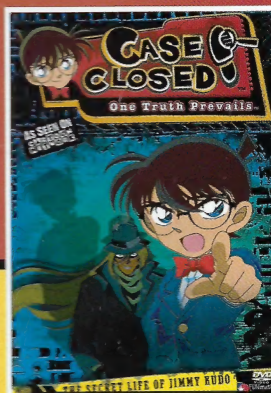
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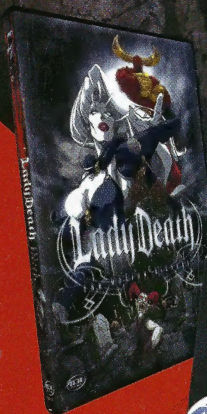


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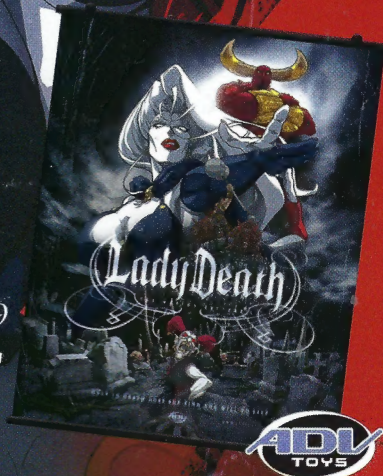
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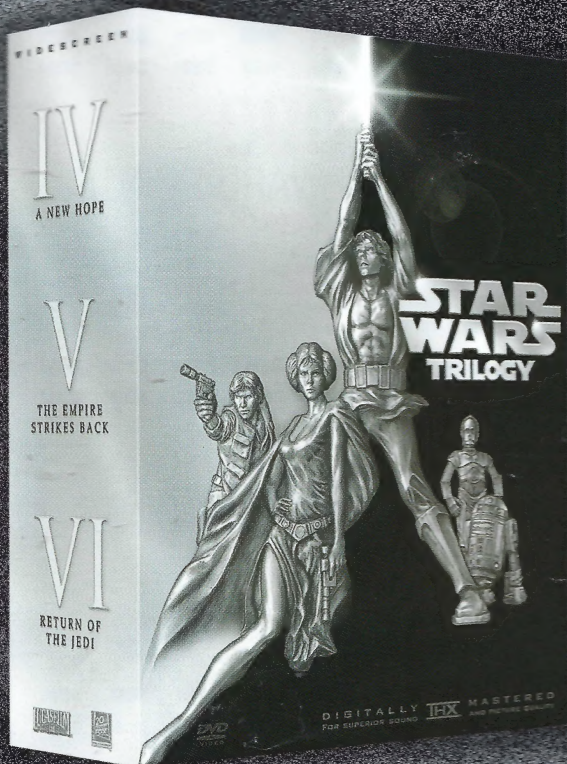


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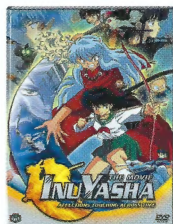
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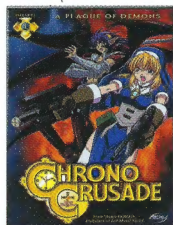
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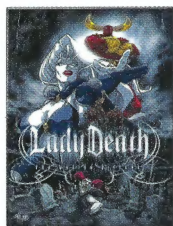
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